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Original sheets in which both-side image information and one-side image information exist mixedly can be transmitted without an erroneous operation. A CPU discriminates the presence or absence of effective image information in images on both sides of the original sheets read by a reading circuit. In a both-side transmitting mode, the CPU selectively determines whether a both-side transmitting procedure is used or a one-side transmitting procedure is used, for transmission of the image information for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination. In the both-side transmitting procedure, control information is transmitted to a receiver station, for each side of the original sheet. In the one-side transmitting procedure, the control information is not transmitted or a proper transmitting system is used.